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ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

HUNTINGDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

FOR

1940

BY

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District Council.

HUNTINGDON

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**Public Health Officers of the Huntingdon Rural
District Council.**

Part-time Medical Officer: J. R. GARROOD, M.D., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector: W. MIDWOOD, C.R.S.I.

Part-time Analytical Chemist: SOLOMON GREENBURGH, ESQ., and
The Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service.

Pathologist: DR. HARVEY.

A.R.P. Divisional Director: LT.-COL. FOSTER.

**To the
Huntingdon Rural District Council.**

Alconbury Hill.

Gentlemen,

*I beg to submit my Annual Report for the
year 1940.*

*I am,
Your obedient Servant,
J. R. GARROOD.*

REPORT

ON THE

HUNTINGDON RURAL DISTRICT FOR 1940.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The average population is 7,138.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,990.

Live Births—				M.	F.	Birth rate per 1,000 population, 15.8 England and Wales, 14.6.
Legitimate	...	...		57	46
Illegitimate	...	...		3	4
Total	...	...		60	50

Still Births—				M.	F.	Rate per 1,000 total births, 25.8.
Legitimate	...	...		3	—
Illegitimate	...	...		—	—
Total	...	...		3	—

				Total	M.	F.	Corrected death rate per 1,000 pop., 14.7, England and Wales, 14.3.
Deaths	...	...		124	67	57

Death Rate from Puerperal causes, 0. England and Wales, 2.16

Death rate of Infants under one year of age—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	61.9
This compares with England and Wales	...	...	...	55
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	66.0
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	0

CAUSES OF DEATH IN HUNTINGDON RURAL DISTRICT, 1940.

Causes of Death.						Males.	Females.
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	2
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	...	...	...	...	...	3	0
Syphilitic Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	2	0

Causes of Death.					Males	Females
Cancer of Breast	...	...	...	...	0	1
Cancer of all other sites	...	...	...	...	6	3
Intracran : vasc : lesions	...	...	...	...	2	5
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	16	16
Other Diseases of Circulatory System...	...	...	...	...	3	1
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	3	5
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	2	1
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	...	0	3
Ulcer : of Stomach or Duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	1
Nephritis	...	...	...	...	2	2
Premature Birth	...	...	...	...	2	1
Con : mal : birth injuries : infant : dis :	...	...	...	...	1	2
Suicide	...	...	...	...	3	2
Road Traffic Accidents	...	...	...	...	5	0
Other Violent Causes	...	...	...	...	4	0
All Other Causes	...	...	...	...	8	10
All Causes	...	...	...	...	67	57

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

As before.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.—Main laying was begun to Great Gidding, Winwick, Woodwalton, Sawtry and Conington.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

To J. R. GARROOD, ESQ.

ALCONBURY HILL,
16/8/41.

Herewith is summary of work caused to be done during 1940.

Total No. of Inspections made 240

Notices served 100

(Informal, 98; Statutory, 2).

Complaints received	...	...	...	Total No. of	...	52
Premises, houses, etc.	...	...	...	No. inspected	...	1900
				Nuisances abated	...	115
Pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse	...			No. inspected	...	All
				Nuisances abated	...	32
Animals improperly kept	...	...		No. inspected	...	Nil
				Nuisances abated	...	Nil
Privy urinal, cesspool, ashpit	...			No. inspected	...	All
				Nuisances abated	...	22
Drain, Drain-traps, etc., etc.	...			No. inspected	...	All
				Nuisances abated	...	33

House, or part thereof, overcrowded ...	No. inspected ...	} See Housing Nuisances abated } Act, 1936	
Smoke nuisances	No. of observations ...		Nil
	Nuisances abated ...		Nil
Offensive accumulations	No. inspected ...		1
	Nuisances abated ...		1
Other sanitary conditions	No. inspected ...		Nil
	Nuisances abated ...		Nil
Lodging houses	No. registered ...		Nil
	No. of inspections ...		Nil
Slaughter houses	No licensed or registered		8
	No. of inspections ...		17
Offensive trades (sec. 112 P. Health Act, 1875)	No. established... ..		Nil
	No. of inspections ...		Nil
Canal boats	No. registered ...		Nil
	No. of inspections ...		Nil
	No. with infectious diseases on board		Nil
Public Health Act, 1875	No. houses condemned		Nil
	No. closed		Nil
	No. cleaned and lime- washed		Nil
Food—seizures of unwholesome ...	No. of		Nil
Infectious Diseases	Houses affected with ...		133
	Houses inspected ...		97
	No. of inspection ...		104
	Houses disinfected ...		7
	Schools disinfected ...		Nil
	Disinfectant used, Formalin and Cresol		
	Lots of clothing disinfected		7
	Lots of clothing destroyed		Nil
Privy Middens	New provided		Nil
	No. repaired		Nil
	No. converted to pails...		4
	No. converted to W.C.'s		Nil
Pail or earth closets	New provided		3
	No converted to W.C.'s		4
Water closets	New provided		11
	No. supplied with water		11
Ashpits	New provided		Nil
	No. converted to ashbins		Nil
Ashbins	New provided		3
Water Supply	Samples taken for analysis		87
	Samples condemned ...		18
	Wells closed		Nil
	Public supply substituted for well or pond ...		22
	Wells cleansed, repaired, etc.		9
	Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered		5
	Waste pipes disconnected from drain		Nil

Housing, etc., Act, 1909	...	...	No. houses closed	...	—
			No. of houses made habitable	...	—
			No. of houses demolished	...	—
Building Bye Laws adopted	...	...	...	...	16/6/39
Total Legal Proceedings					
<i>i.e.</i> , Summonses, &c.	...	...	...	...	Nil
Convictions	...	...	...	...	Nil
FACTORY AND WORKSHOP ACT, 1937.					
Factories	...	...	...	Total number on register (including bakehouses)	27
				No. in which nuisances abated	1
Bakehouses	...	...	...	No. on register	11
				No. in which nuisance abated	1
Home Work	...	...	...	No. of outworkers	Nil
				No. of houses	Nil
				No. of infected houses...	Nil
Legal Proceedings					
<i>i.e.</i> , Summonses, etc.	...	...	...	...	Nil
Convictions	...	...	...	...	Nil

W. MIDWOOD,
Sanitary Inspector.

J. R. GARROOD,
Medical Officer of Health.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. *Inspection of dwelling-houses in the year.*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	.....	...	...	...	1900
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose					240
Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation	...	...	...	...	1

Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	9
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Action under Statutory Powers.

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs...	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were ren-	

dered fit after service of formal notice :—

(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	0
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	2

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	9
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—					
(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	9
(b) by Local Authorities in default of owners	...	...	...	...	0

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made...	...				0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders			0

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936

...	0
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Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

A.—(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	12
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	...					12
(3) Number of person dwelling therein	...					98
B.—Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	...	...		0
C.—(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	...		2
(2) Number of persons concerned in such	...					9
D.—Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	...	...			0

There are very few empty houses in the district.

E.—Any other particulars —

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS ORDER.

Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Milk Sellers)—

No. in District	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
No. Registered	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
No. of Inspections of Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	140
No. of Inspections during Milking Time	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
No. of Premises requiring Whitewashing, Cleansing, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
No. in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
No. of Premises requiring Structural or Sanitary Improvements	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
No in which requirements of Sanitary Authority were carried out	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Have Regulations been adopted?	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

Premises with Well of Water Supply—

No. of	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
No. of, from which water analysed	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Butter and Cheese Makers)—

No. of District	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
No. Inspection of Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	58

August 16th, 1941.

W. MIDWOOD, *Sanitary Inspector.*

BAKEHOUSES.—All inspected and found generally to be clean and satisfactory.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

			Cases.	Death.	Cases admitted to Hospital.
Scarlet Fever	...	...	3	—	2
Diphtheria	...	...	5	1	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	2	—	—
Pneumonia	...	...	7	3	—
Erysipelas	...	...	3	—	1

Immunisation of School children and others under 5 years old has been continued.

There was a considerable epidemic of measles, but few serious cases.

Scabies was common chiefly amongst children.

Tuberculosis.—The following table gives the particulars of the new cases of Tuberculosis, and deaths from the disease in the area in 1940.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
15—25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
35—45	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45—55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
65 up	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	1	1	—	2	3	—	—	—

